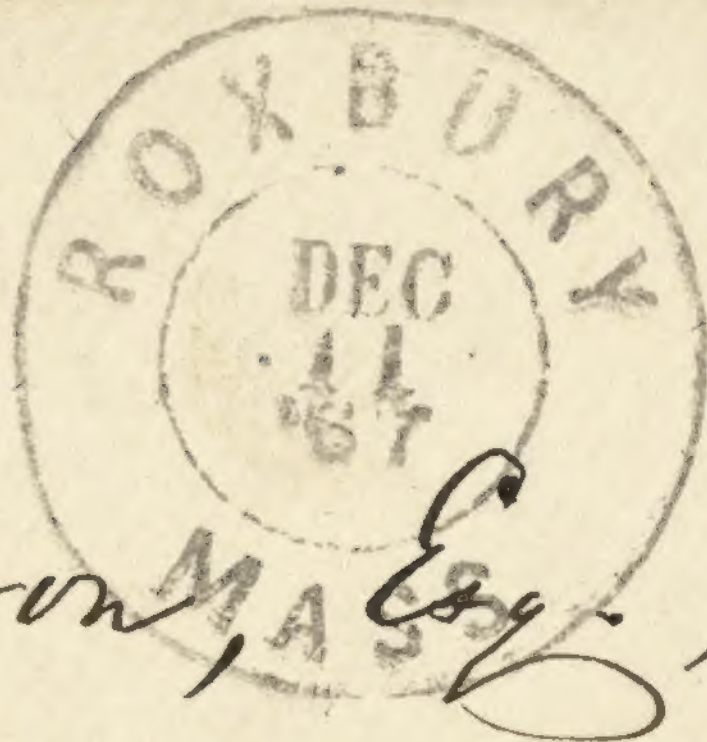


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Roxbury, Dec. 11, 1869.

My dear Johnson:

Thanks for your letter, with its hospitable invitation, which, going or coming, it will give me very great pleasure to accept. I infer that you will be looking for me this week Friday. If so, let me correct the mistake by stating, what I wrote to Wendell, that I shall not be able to go to New York until next week Friday, 20th inst. I shall defer to his wishes about going out to Orange that night. "Other things being equal," I should prefer to remain with you, especially if the weather should prove severely cold or stormy. But it shall be exactly as he wishes. It is not an agreeable time of the year to travel; but I am eager to see the dear ones at the Park, especially that remarkable baby who looks so like his grandfather - in baldness, perhaps! I also very much desire to see you and other friends in New York.

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For a fortnight past I have been feeling very unwell, and am at present "good for nothing." It would almost seem as if I was going through the process of being acclimated. I want to write an article for the Independent as soon as I can use the pen.

En passant—the Boston Post, of this morning, sarcastically says, "Tilton is having as much difficulty with the 'position' of the Independent as a dancing-master with a stupid pupil." Inasmuch as the Independent disclaims being the organ of any religious denomination, I hope neither Tilton nor Bowen will try no more to satisfy certain clerical bigots on the score of "evangelical" soundness. What does confession or protestation amount to with such? Ignore them utterly, and let the paper speak for itself. Nine-tenths of the contributors appear to be orthodox clergymen; but even this disproportionate number ~~appears~~<sup>seems</sup> to produce no satisfaction with the cavillers referred to.

The "impeachment" of the traitor at the White House is, what he called Jorney, a "dead duck." All honor to those who gave their votes in the affirmative! It is humiliating to see such a pitiable ending of this matter, but it is clear that there is no public sentiment demanding the impeachment, and Congress cannot be expected, as a representative body, to disregard or run counter to that sentiment in so grave a matter. But, alas! for the nation itself!

I hold that the Presidential bully and usurper deserves to be impeached and removed for his recent mutinous and insulting message to Congress, if for no other reason. But the obvious state of popular feeling, and the timidity of the Republicans, as shown in the vote on impeachment, will only the more embolden that bad man.

Give my kind regards to Mary Ann, and the household at Mrs. Savins'.

Ever faithfully yours,  
W. L. G.

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